

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4605**

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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

Secretary Mayorkas,

It has been widely reported that the Biden Administration is considering using Fort Lee, a U.S. Army facility located in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to house Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC's) picked up at the U.S.-Mexico border. Fort Lee is the home of the Combined Arms Support Command and is nowhere near the southern border. The fact that the Biden Administration is considering moving UAC's to a military facility halfway across the continental United States demonstrates the severity of the border surge the U.S. is facing.

This absurd proposal is simply a byproduct of the Biden Border Surge, which was made inevitable by this Administration's detrimental unwinding of U.S. operational control of the border, compounded by President Biden's endless promises of amnesty for all.

Under the Trump Administration, the U.S. was able to obtain operational control of the border through wall construction, equal enforcement of immigration law, ending catch and release, and cooperating with Mexico and other partners in enforcing asylum protocols.

In under two months President Biden has reversed these policies and destroyed our border integrity. U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) and Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) are simply overrun and unable to deal with this historic surge at the U.S.-Mexico border. Rather than further undermining U.S. national security by burdening Fort Lee with the overflow of this border surge, we urge you to stop politicizing border security, restore common sense protocols the Trump Administration implemented, and stop exploiting those seeking to illegally enter the U.S. with promises of amnesty.

Specifically, we request that you report to Congress on the following:

- What was the policy rationale for ending the Migrant Protection Protocols?
- What was the policy rationale for ending safe third country agreements with El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras?
- What was the policy rationale for ending construction of the southern border wall?
- What is the Administration's strategic plan to retain operational control of the border?

Now is not the time for pandering to the Left or scapegoating the Trump Administration for issues you have created that now threaten our safety, our economy, and the health of our citizens. Now is the time for leadership.

Sincerely,



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